

# EXHIBIT A

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## BUDAPEST TREATY ON THE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE DEPOSIT OF MICROORGANISMS FOR THE PURPOSES OF PATENT PROCEDURE

### INTERNATIONAL FORM

#### RECEIPT IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL DEPOSIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO RULE 7.3 AND VIABILITY STATEMENT ISSUED PURSUANT TO RULE 10.2

To: (Name and Address of Depositor or Attorney)

Cooper & Dunham, LLP  
Attn: John P. White, Esq.  
1185 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 20036

Deposited on Behalf of: Synaptic Pharmaceutical Corp. (Ref. Docket 57155)

Identification Reference by Depositor:

ATCC Designation

Cosmid pWE15-hNPFF1  
Plasmid pEXJ-rNPFF1

203183  
203184

The deposits were accompanied by:     a scientific description     a proposed taxonomic description indicated above. The deposits were received September 9, 1998 by this International Depository Authority and have been accepted.

AT YOUR REQUEST: X We will inform you of requests for the strains for 30 years.

The strains will be made available if a patent office signatory to the Budapest Treaty certifies one's right to receive, or if a U.S. Patent is issued citing the strains, and ATCC is instructed by the United States Patent & Trademark Office or the depositor to release said strains.

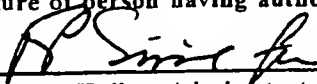
If the cultures should die or be destroyed during the effective term of the deposit, it shall be your responsibility to replace them with living cultures of the same.

The strains will be maintained for a period of at least 30 years from date of deposit, or five years after the most recent request for a sample, whichever is longer. The United States and many other countries are signatory to the Budapest Treaty.

The viability of the cultures cited above was tested September 16, 1998. On that date, the cultures were viable.

International Depository Authority: American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, VA 20110-2209 USA.

Signature of person having authority to represent ATCC:



Barbara M. Hailey, Administrator, Patent Depository

Date: September 17, 1998

cc: Mary Anne Tanner, Esq.

Applicant: Christophe P.G. Gerald et al.  
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